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SUBJECT: UK- GRENADA CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 101500

1. STEWART ROBERTS, HEAD, CARIBBEAN DEPT, FCO TOLD US THAT CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE WHICH ENDED MAY 18 HAD PROCEEDED WITHOUT ANY SERIOUS HITCHES DEVELOPING, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME COMIC OPERA ASPECTS. BLAIZE, LEADER OF OPPOSITION, BEGAN MEETING BY GETTING INTO ROW WITH PRIME MINISTER GAIRY OVER NUMBER OF ADVISERS OPPOSITION WOULD BE ALLOWED TO HAVE AT THE TABLE. THIS DISPUTE WAS SETTLED BY A COMPROMISE BUT BLAIZE ABSENTED HIMSELF FROM SESSIONS ON MAY 17 ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE OF INDISPOSITION. AMONG ASSERTIONS MADE BY BLAIZE WAS THAT HIS POSITION WAS SUPPORTED BY A RESOLUTION OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WHICH GAIRY NOTED CONSISTED OF ELEVEN MEMBERS. GAIRY CITED AMONG HIS OWN SUPPORTERS A WOMEN'S CRICKET TEAM OF PRESUMABLY THE SAME SIZE. BLAIZE THEN PRODUCED A PETITION WITH 19,000 SIGNATURES WHICH BRITISH ACCEPTED WITH SOME RESERVE. IN THE END BLAIZE SENT A LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN SAYING THAT THE OPPOSITION COULD NOT AGREE TO ANY CONSTITUTION WHICH CAME OUT OF THIS CONFERENCE.

2. CHAIRMAN, LORD BALNIEL, SUMMED UP CONFERENCE BY SAYING THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES ON UK DELEGATION HAD

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LISTENED TO ALL ARGUMENTS ADVANCED BY BOTH THE GRENADA  
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